

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2020**

In the first parable we hear today, from Isaiah, we hear a condensed history of the Chosen People. Like Eden, this vineyard is tended lovingly by God (“my friend), its choicest vines fertile, full of life. But like the Eden, what it yielded was from outside the goodness of creation. God’s wrath flares up with the yield of wild (Hebrew beushim, meaning “stinking” or rotten”) grapes. Isaiah proclaims that the LORD will take away its protection, its life-giving rain, its tender care. Though we know that God has forgiven the Chosen People again and again, Isaiah’s role as prophet demands he focus the people’s attention on their sinfulness.

The second parable, told by Jesus to the chief priests, uses the same setting, so no doubt the chief recalled the passage from Isaiah as Jesus told the new story. They are quick to judge the greedy, envious tenants, and rightly so, but they fail to make the connection of their role in the parable. So too may we. When do we persist on putting our own self-interest before the landowner’s /my friends/God’s? As in the parable immediately preceding this one, the one we heard last Sunday. God entrusted the vineyard, the kingdom, to those who do the work and produce good fruit.

Now that we know what we are called to do, we must ask how we do it. How does our faith bear fruit? Saint Paul tell us. Pursue what is true, honorable, just, pure, and all things worthy of God’s praise. This is how our faith is brought to fruition. “Then the God of peace will be with you” (Philippians 4:9).

Questions of the Week

What one specific thing can I do with my time and talents to produce fruit in the vineyard I call home?



Saturday, October 3, 2020

Vigil Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Stephen S. Johnson III – Claudia Claude – David Romain Ramie, Sr. – Tiffany Page

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Freddie Thomas – Betty Cates – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Calvin Tate – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Stephen S. Johnson, III
10:30a.m. Lordeas Glapion Nix – Beatrice Pace – Lamar and Shirley Smith – Joseph Porche – Gloria B. Lewis

12:00p.m. Tiffany Page – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parishioners

Monday, October 5, 2020

8:30a.m. Katherine Bertrand – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Kimberly Brown – Calvin Tate, Jr.

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Claudia Claude – Intentions of Stacey Martin

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Therol Humphrey – Henry Martin

Thursday, October 8, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Isidore Lewis – Intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr. – Kimberly Brown – Stacy Martin

Friday, October 9, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Therol Humphrey – Henry Martin

Saturday, October 10, 2020

8:30a.m. The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Command those who are rich in the present world not to be the arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 1 Timothy 6:17-18

Announcements

No Eucharistic Adoration until further notice.

No Bingo until further Notice

Please remember to sign up for Mass prior to arriving at Church. We will no longer offer on site sign up. If you do not have access to a computer or smartphone you may call the parish office to sign up. You can find the link on our website and on the parish Facebook page. Sign-up for the desired mass the day before for week day masses and by 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday for all week end masses.

Please drop your envelopes in the two collection baskets in the back of the Church as you enter or after Mass.

Through the spirit of Jesus, let us continue to pray and extend compassion to all who were affected by this season Hurricanes.

We have moved all daily Masses to the main Church until the medical professionals find a way to contain the virus. So, if you don't feel comfortable coming on the weekends you may find this as a better option.

Now devote you heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God.

1 Chronicles 22:19



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Evelyn Ford. The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Chelsea Bouligny and June Pierre.

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.